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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Mehran Nasser-Ghodsi, Anne Testoni, and Steve Oestreich**

For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR VOID CHARACTERIZATION**

Assigned to: KLA-Tencor Technologies Corporation

Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/326,621 filed on October 1, 2001 is claimed under  
35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Application Elements:

- 24** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 11** Sheets of informal Drawings
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Separate Declaration

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- Associate Power of Attorney
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
  - Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment
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## Claim For Foreign Priority

- Priority of Application No. filed on  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.  
 The certified copy is enclosed.  The certified copy will follow.

- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/326,621 filed on October 1, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."

## Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	41	MINUS	20	= 21	x 18 =	378
INDEP.	04	MINUS	3	= 01	x 84 =	84
	[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim			\$280 =		
	Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)			\$740 =		740.00
				TOTAL		1,202.00
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- Check No. 5005 in the amount of \$1,242.00 is enclosed.

- The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. KLA1P041).

## General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. KLA1P041).

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Date: November 21, 2001

  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Nasser-Ghodsi et al.

Attorney Docket No.: KLA1P041/P773

Application No.: Unknown

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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
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Sunshine Noriega**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: November 21, 2001  
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Registration No. 46,850**NOTE:**

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications, eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)).